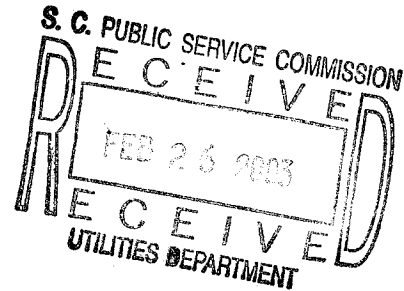


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**ORIGINAL**

***Application of  
Links Water Treatment, LLC  
for approval of an establishment of rates and charges  
for the operations of a sewer system and for  
establishment of a service territory***



***Docket No. 2002-328-S***

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***Direct Testimony of  
William O. Richardson  
Utilities Department***

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***Public Service Commission of South Carolina***

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS AND OCCUPATION.**

2 **A.** William O. Richardson, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina  
3 29210. I am employed by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina,  
4 Utilities Department, as Chief of the Water and Wastewater Area.

5 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND**  
6 **EXPERIENCE.**

7 **A.** I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering  
8 from Clemson University in 1975. After graduation I was employed by Daniel  
9 Construction Company as an Electrical Engineer in the Power Division. In  
10 1978 I was employed by this Commission as an Engineer Associate II. I have  
11 attended various courses and seminars related to engineering, life analysis and  
12 accounting relationships. I have testified before this Commission in other  
13 proceedings involving fuel adjustment clauses, purchased gas adjustments,  
14 and rate case proceedings of electric, water and wastewater utilities.

15 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS**  
16 **PROCEEDING?**

17 **A.** The purpose of my testimony is to verify the annualized revenue that would be  
18 produced by the proposed rates and charges; provide some insight about the  
19 tap fee; discuss depreciation and provide a summary of the condition of the  
20 wastewater treatment plant and system.

21 **Q. PLEASE PROCEED.**

22 **A.** The Company is requesting Commission approval to charge \$221.00 per  
23 quarter per customer for sewer service for its 22 customers. This would  
24 provide the Company annualized revenue of \$19,448 as shown in Utilities  
25 Department Exhibit WOR-1.

26 The Company in its application had requested a tap fee of \$1,000.00. In  
27 corresponding with the Company, concerning the information required to be  
28 filed for the establishment, the Company stated that the LLC would not  
29 charge a tap fee but would instead simply make it the responsibility of every  
30 owner to tap into the system at their own cost.

1 The Company did not have any records to indicate plant investment by  
2 categories since the system was simply a part of a larger development and  
3 no value was assigned to that part of the sewer system. Therefore there is  
4 no depreciation expense.

5 The wastewater treatment plant and collection system appeared to be  
6 sufficient to render safe, adequate and continuous service at all times and  
7 appeared to be operating as required. There was no detectable odor. See  
8 Utilities Department Exhibit WOR-2. The lift station area appeared to have  
9 had some clean up work performed recently.

10 **Q. DOES THAT CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

11 **A.** Yes it does.  
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**UTILITIES DEPARTMENT EXHIBIT WOR -1**

**LINKS WATER TREATMENT LLC**

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The Company had 22 customers at the end of the test year 12.31.02

01.01.02 = 22

12.31.02 = 22

Source of Revenue	Per Books \$	Pro Forma \$	After Adjustment \$
Sewer Service	11,760	7,688 (1)	19,448
Misc. Rev.	0	0	0
Tap Fees	0	0	0
Total revenue	11,760	7,688	19,448

(1) To annualize revenues for 22 customers @ \$221per quarter.

# UTILITIES DEPARTMENT EXHIBIT WOR- 2

## SEWERAGE SYSTEM INSPECTION

UTILITY: LINKS WATER TREATMENT, LLC NO. OF CUSTOMERS: 22

SYSTEM: LINKS O'TRYON SUBDIVISION DATE INSPECTED: JANUARY 22, 2003

INSPECTED BY: WM. RICHARDSON CO. REPRESENTATIVE:: STEVE SANDLIN

TYPE OF PLANT: MECHANICAL X LAGOON           

EXTENT OF TREATMENT: PRIMARY            SECONDARY X TERTIARY           

CHLORINATOR YES X NO           

OTHER CHEMICALS IN USE YES            NO X

AERATORS YES X NO           

PLANT FENCED & LOCKED YES X NO           

WARNING SIGNS VISIBLE YES X NO           

HOLES IN FENCE YES            NO X

EROSION OF DIKES YES            NO X

ODOR YES            NO X

GRASS CUT YES X NO           

DUCK WEED OR ALGAE YES            NO X

GREASE BUILD-UP YES            NO X

DEBRIS INSIDE PLANT YES            NO X

COLOR OF EFFLUENT CLEAR

LIFT STATIONS YES X NO            NUMBER 1

FAILURE WARNING SYSTEM YES X NO           

ELECTRIC WIRING (ACCEPTABLE) YES X NO           

OVERFLOWS YES            NO X

CONDITION OF ACCESS ROAD GOOD X BAD           

NEW CONSTRUCTION YES X NO           

HOUSES YES X NO           

UTILITY YES            NO X

FREQUENCY CHECKED BY OPERATOR DAILY

LOCATION OF UTILITY OFFICE P. O. BOX 282, TIGERVILLE, SC 29688

LOCATION OF SYSTEM INTERSECTION OF SC HWYS 14 AND 11 IN GREENVILLE COUNTY

IS SUBDIVISION PROVIDED WATER BY THIS UTILITY? YES            NO X

BY WHOM? BLUE RIDGE WATER DISTRICT

COMMENTS: THE LIFT STATION AREA APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN JUST RECENTLY CLEANED UP.